

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 316

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the first responders of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's gallant first responders are our law enforcement officers, paramedics, EMTs, and firefighters, who are called upon every day to respond to emergencies, regardless of the danger they may face as they seek to preserve life and provide immediate support to those in peril; and

WHEREAS, the first responders of Tennessee work tirelessly, facing the rigors of corporeal imperilment in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; they are taught to embody strength, but even the strongest things break, as they are so frequently put into high stress situations, seeing humanity at its worst and facing unbearable scenes that most others could not; and

WHEREAS, our first responders are human beings who possess their own emotions and hardships, and we applaud efforts by those who seek to improve the availability of wellness programs to help these valiant heroes by providing counseling, critical incident stress management, education and training, support/therapy groups, and mental health response for major disasters; and

WHEREAS, we should recognize the hard work and dedication to public service of our first responders and their families who support them in their mission; and

WHEREAS, by serving others in the face of a crisis, these individuals embody the spirit of community and service that is representative of the Volunteer State, and their efforts stand as a beacon of hope in uncertain times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the first responders of Tennessee, namely our law enforcement officers, paramedics, EMTs, and firefighters, for their tireless work and salute them on a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.